

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 109

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Officer Jeff Parsons upon being named the Fraternal Order of Police Bud Allison Memorial Lodge #9 Officer of the Year.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal concerns to ensure the public safety and welfare, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty in service of public safety; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued the time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in law enforcement, dedicating their time and efforts to aiding those in emergency situations and apprehending those who have broken the law; and

WHEREAS, Officer Jeff Parsons is one such courageous public servant, who was recently named the Fraternal Order of Police Bud Allison Lodge #9 Officer of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the first to earn this well-deserved honor, Officer Parsons began his distinguished career with the Alcoa Police Department in February 2004, and currently goes above and beyond the call of duty as the department's senior field training officer; and

WHEREAS, Officer Parsons exemplifies excellence and exhibits true expert enthusiasm for his field, as he is always willing to work any shift to train new officers in order to expose the new professionals to a variety of situations they could encounter on the beat; and

WHEREAS, particularly dedicated to children's safety, he is qualified to be a certified child passenger safety seat technician, and has been the author of grant requests that led to the Alcoa department receiving several child safety seats; additionally, Officer Parsons organized two child safety seat checkpoint events in partnership with East Tennessee Children's Hospital and the Blount County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Officer Parsons oversaw the updating of the department's safety trailer with new decals and paint, and skillfully organized the "APD is MADD about Drunk Driving" event which raised over \$2,000 to support the Mother's Against Drunk Driving initiative; and

WHEREAS, Officer Parsons has contributed greatly to the protection of the citizens of Alcoa, sponsoring two seat belt campaigns with Alcoa businesses during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons; and

WHEREAS, Officer Parsons recommended six individuals to receive the Governor's Highway Safety Office "Saved by the Belt" certificate, submitting more officers for the recognition than any other agency in East Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, responding to every task with tremendous courage, fortitude, and concern, he worked tirelessly and voluntarily on his department's submission to the Governor's Highway Safety Office Law Enforcement Challenge, an incentive/award program designed to award law enforcement agencies for outstanding achievements in highway safety enforcement and education programs throughout our great State; and

WHEREAS, one of the most trusted, reliable, and focused officers in the Alcoa Police Department, Officer Parsons has served with the utmost integrity and professionalism, earning the respect and admiration of his peers, superiors, and the citizens of Alcoa for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Officer Parsons epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and his professionalism and dedication to the City of Alcoa are evident to all who know him; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Officer Jeff Parsons for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Officer Jeff Parsons upon being named the Fraternal Order of Police Bud Allison Memorial Lodge #9 Officer of the Year, thank him for

his meritorious service to the citizens of Alcoa and the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.